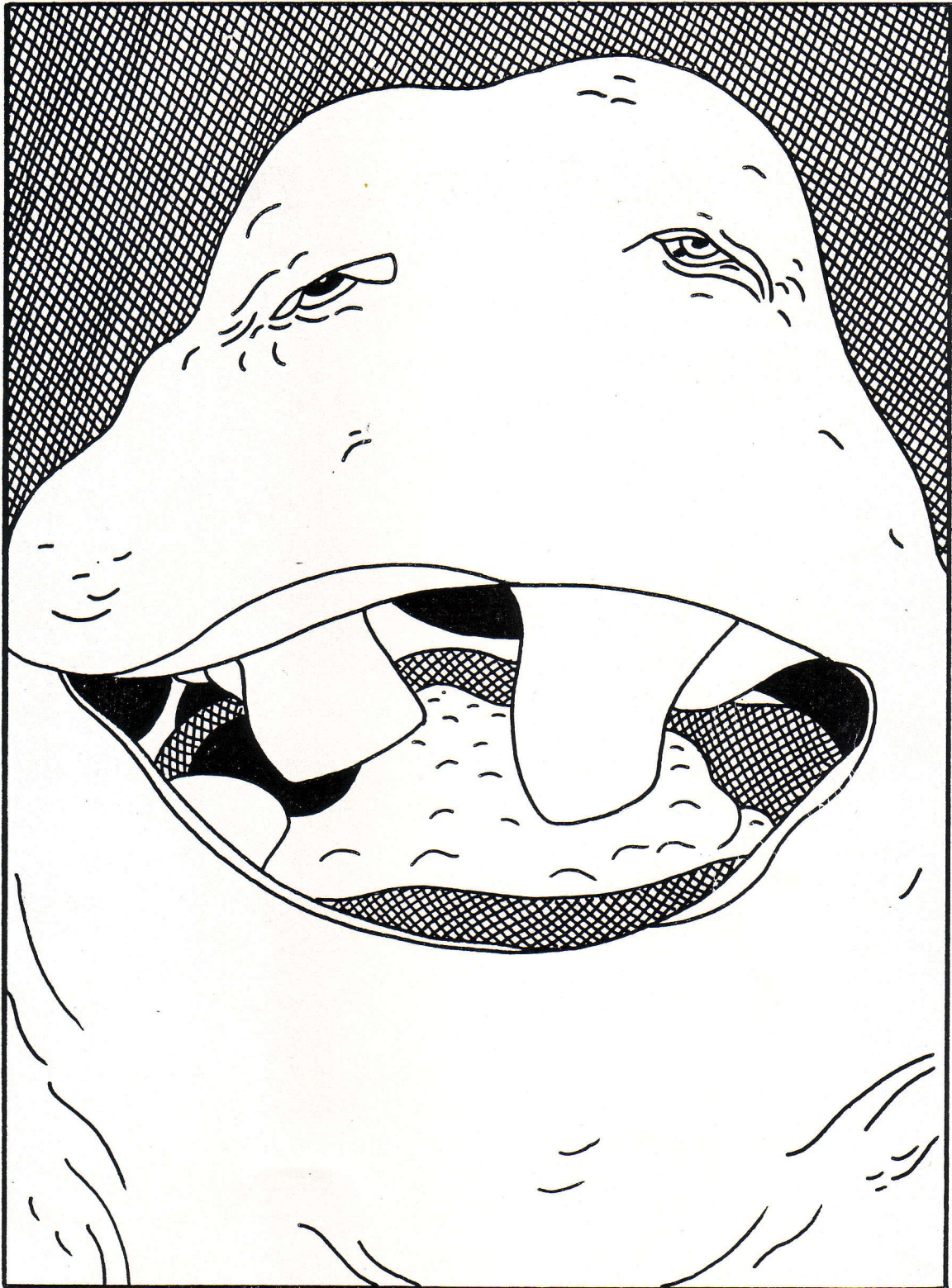


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H/H|BÜR IS A POET AND CARTOONIST ON TJOPSKEMOVAYUR; IN THE UNION OF GRAND LINTYNISDRFKONMIF; ON THE PLANET ETOQUE; DEEP IN INTER-  
STELLAR SPACE. HIS MOST WELL-KNOWN CARTOON-STRIP IS 'TUPOLICUS'  
-A SATIRE ON ETOQUEK LIFE. OUTSIDE LINTYNISDRFKONMIF, H/H|BÜR IS  
UNKNOWN, EXCEPT AS AN ETOQUEK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERPLAN-  
ETARY GALACTIC LEAGUE OF PLANETS (IGLOP).

AS A VISITOR TO GAIA (EARTH), H/H|BÜR WAS ONE OF THE ALIENS  
EXPELLED - PROVOKING THE TRANSGALACTIC DEBATE ABOUT HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN TERRAN REGIONS - AND THE SUBSEQUENT DELEGATION FROM  
IGLOP SENT TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE PLANET.

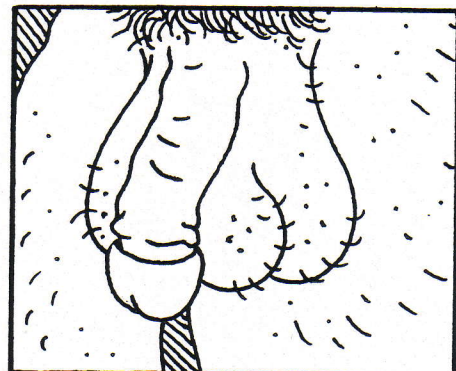
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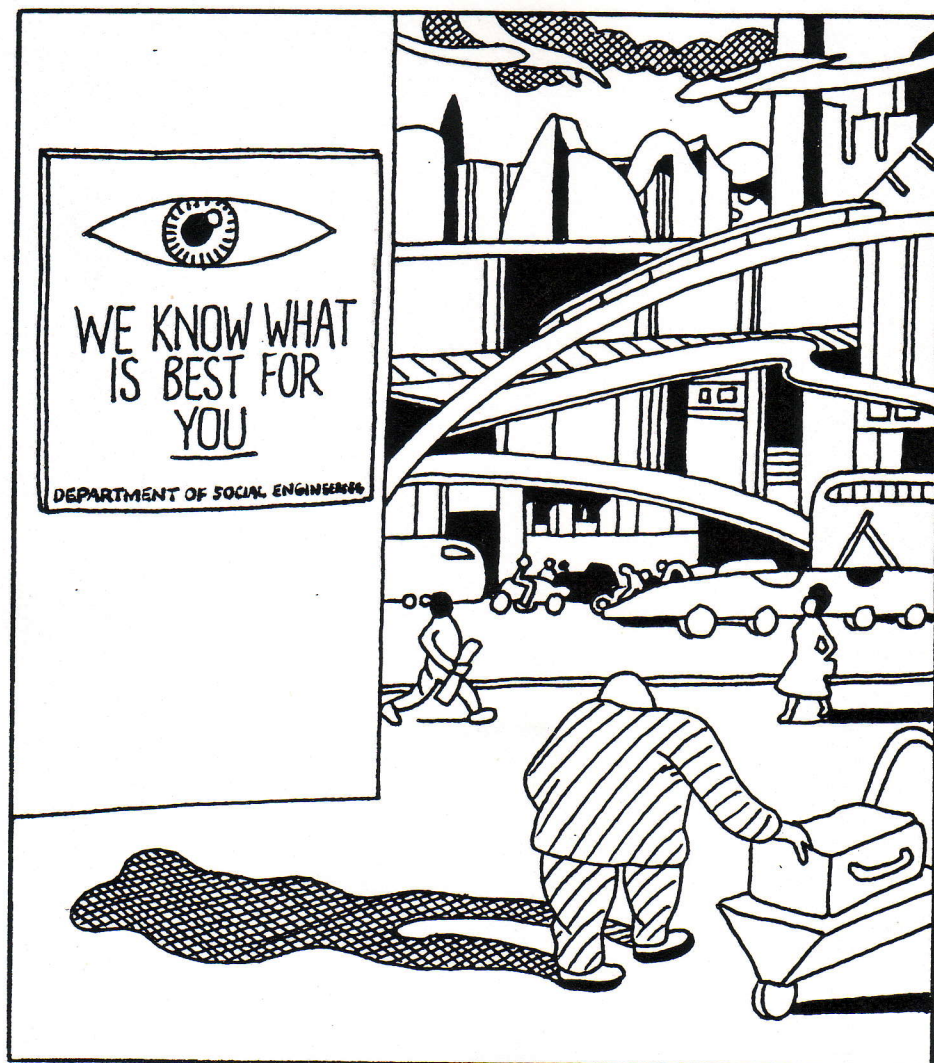
"I HAVEN'T GOT A COMPLETELY HUMANOID FORM. THIS FRIGHTENED SPACE-PORT CONTROL I THINK."



"BUT I CAN DRESS UP OK. LOOK LIKE A DANDY FELLOW. I WAS STRIPPED AND SEARCHED AT THE SPACEPORT."



"MY GENITALS ARE SIMILAR TO HUMAN MALES - I DO HAVE A SUPPLEMENTARY GONAD BUT THAT IS NO REASON FOR THROWING ME OFF THE PLANET."



"REGION 7 ON THIS ODD PLANET WAS TOTALLY BEWILDERING.

I WAS ADVISED TO MAKE REGION 7 MY DESTINATION BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS TEMPORARY WORK AND ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE."

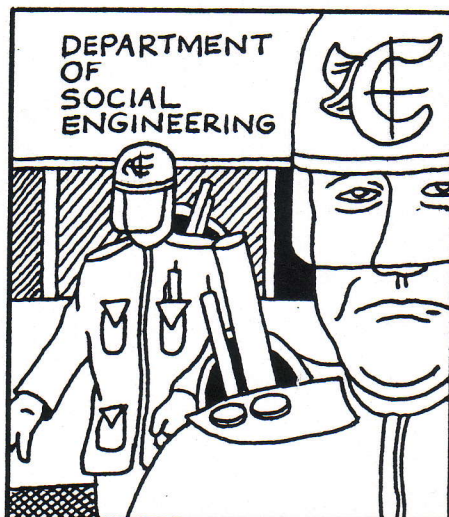




"I SPOKE WITH MEN FROM A TWO-RING TRIBE.

WHAT ARE 'DOSERS', 'HAZCHEM VILLAGE', 'KIP CARTON', 'NOBLES', 'CAREERERS', 'CONDORS', 'OLD CASTLE'?

IT WAS A MYSTERY."



"BUT NOT FOR LONG. I SOON RECOGNISED THE CONDORS AND THE D.O.S.E. COMPLEX.

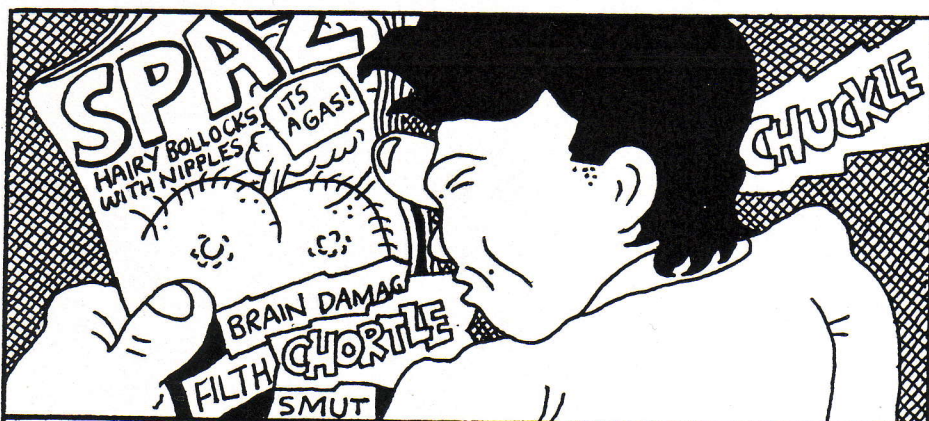
CURIOUS I SHOULD FIND THEM BOTH TOGETHER.

AND THERE WERE A LOT OF VERY ANGRY YOUNG PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING."



"THE D.O.S.E. HUMANS WERE VERY NICE IF A LITTLE UNIMAGINATIVE. I TOLD THEM I WAS A POET AND CARTOONIST ON ETOQUE BUT IT DIDN'T, I FEEL, MAKE MUCH IMPRESSION ON THEM.

A YOUNG 'DOSER' WAS READING A CARTOON BOOK DURING HIS BREAK."



"TJOPSKEMOVAYURANS CAN GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO PEOPLES FROM WHAT THEY LAUGH AT."





"THEN I MET SOME 'OUTER-LANDERS' WHO KNEW WHERE 'HAZCHEM VILLAGE' WAS.

ONCE, LONG AGO, THERE WERE RULING CLASSES, MIDDLE CLASSES, WORKING CLASSES AND THE LUMPEN. NOW THERE WERE ONLY NOBLES AND CAREERERS WHO CAN LOSE THEIR JOBS AND HOMES-AND BECOME VULGARIANS.

VULGARIANS DIVIDE INTO GEOGRAPHICAL TRIBES."





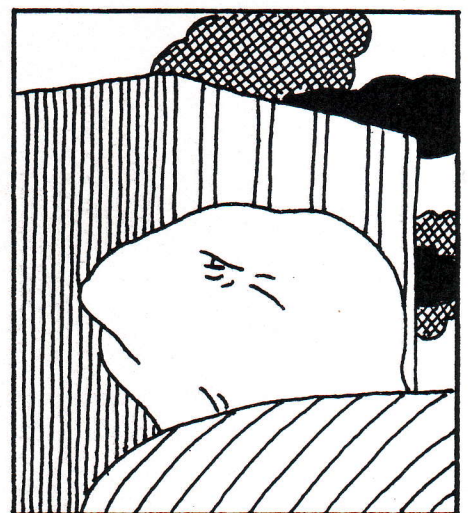


"I FOUND A 'KIP CARTON' IN HAZCHEM VILLAGE ON THE OUTERLANDS OF REGIONS 7, 8 AND 9. THE 'OLD CASTLE', A PRISON CAMP, WAS IN THE DISTANCE."

"I SHOWED THEM HOW TO MAKE TREE-HOUSES AND OTHER DWELLINGS FROM CLAY-LUMP, TURF AND MUD. MORE COMFORTABLE THAN CARAVANS, TENTS AND KIP CARTONS."



"THE HAZCHEM VILLAGE OUTERLANDERS WISHED ME LUCK WORKING IN THE HYPERMARKET. THE OUTERLANDERS WERE COMPLETE DROP-OUTS (KICKED-OUTS AS A MATTER OF FACT) AND DID NOT AGREE WITH MY RETURN TO THE SOCIETY OF CAREERERS. THEY WERE GLAD FOR THEIR NEW DWELLINGS THOUGH."





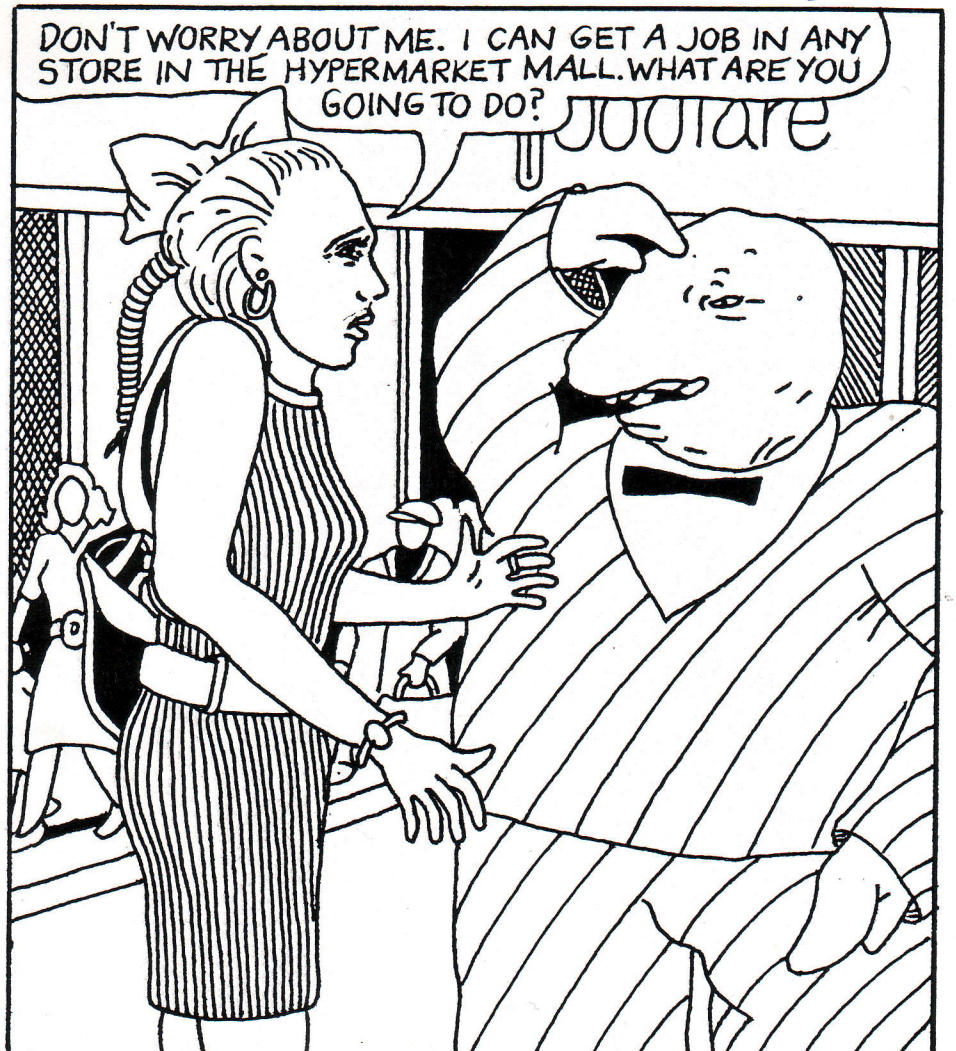






"I TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO THE MANAGER THAT THE YOUNG WOMAN ASSISTANT WAS BEING KIND AND HELPFUL BUT MR CRACKNELL REFUSED TO LISTEN.

THE YOUNG WOMAN, WHO TOLD ME HER NAME WAS BELINDA, WALKED OUT AFTER ME. I PLEADED WITH HER TO RETURN TO WORK AND NOT PUT HER JOB AT RISK."





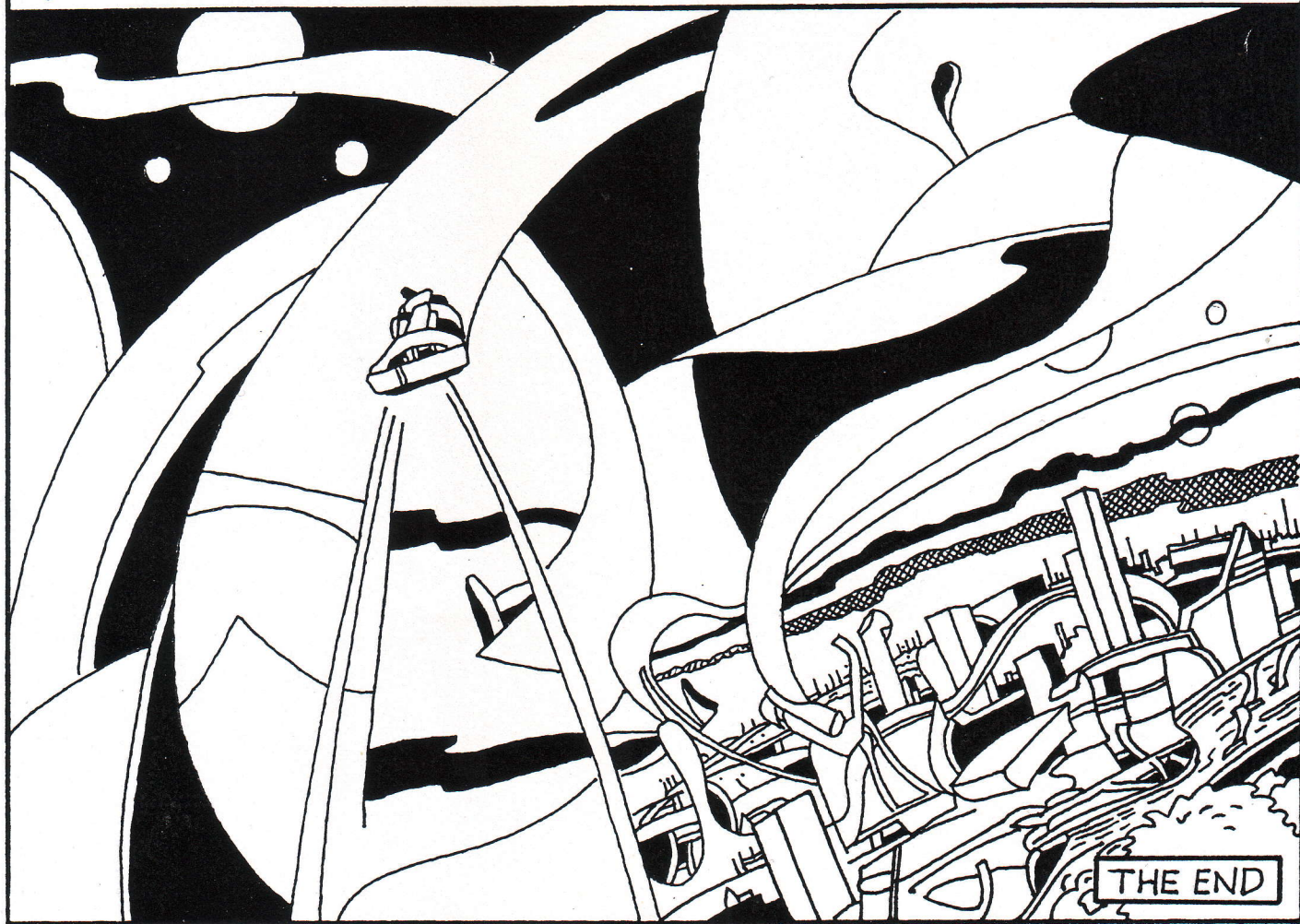
COME ON PUMPKIN HEAD. OUT THE REGION  
AND OFF THE PLANET

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"I WAS TAKEN BY A  
CONDOR SECURITY  
VEHICLE TO THE SPACE-  
PORT. THEY WERE SEND-  
ING ME BACK TO ETOQUE."



"I WONDERED IF I WOULD EVER SEE MY GAIAN FRIENDS AGAIN."



THE END



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